

ABSTRACT

A gaming machine comprising a container for holding a plurality of numbered balls which are agitated by an air source. A plurality of compartments incorporated on a rotatable wheel in communication with the container capture one or more of the numbered balls. Each of the numbered balls or certain identified captured balls are used to determine a gaming machine award. Certain captured balls may be identified by one or more pointers positioned about the container. In a keno version of the gaming machine a player is afforded the opportunity to select one or more keno numbers using a player interface. An award is then determined based on the numbers on the captured balls and the selected keno numbers. The balls are captured by opening one or more access doors blocking the compartments thereby exposing the balls to a vacuum in the compartment.

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